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REFRESHING CHRISTIANS.

Philemon 1:7 "The hreats of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother."

INTRO. Cold water refreshing to the thirsty, reat to the weary, pure air to the suffocating, sound sleep to the tired. Paul found certain Xns refreshing to wearied soul What kmng are they?

I. Sympathetic Christians.

After 2 yrs imprisonment at Caesarea, Paul put on board ship for Rome, in charge of one Julius, a centurian of Agustus' band, whose good will Paul won at once. When shi p put into port at Sidon, a very unusual thing happened. "And Julius courteously entreated Paul and gave him liber ty to go unto his friends to refresh himself".

Refreshment partly physical, but mostly spiritual.

After Paul became prisoner in Rome, one of these re- freshing Xns of whom Paul makes mention-Onesiphorous. 2 Ti mothy 1:16 The Lord gave mercy unto the house of Onesiphor ous; for he oft refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain, [illegible] but when he was in Rome he sought me out very diligently and found me."

How refreshing to one in trouble is a refreshing Xn!

II. Praying Xns are refreshing Xns.

Paul in his letter to the Xns at rome wrote, "Now I bee seech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive togetherwit mein your prayers to God for me; that I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judea; and that my ser- vice which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; that I may come uno you with joy by the will of God, and may with you berefreshed."

Praying Xns are refreshing Xns; they bring showers of blessing upon others as well as upon themselves; they have brot about every revival, great or small. Pentacost came in answer to prayer. Our celebration of Pentacost, to be made what it should be must be largely one of praye

III. Optimistic Xns.

"I was glad of the coming of [illegible] Stephanus and Fortunatus and Achaicus; for that which was lacking on y your part they have supplied. For they have refreshed my spirit and your."

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Another example of a refreshing Xn was that of Philemon, a member of the church at Colossae. "Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast towards the Lord Jesus and towards all the saints" Philemon's love and faith, shown to the saints in a many practical helpful ways, was refreshing to the great apostle.

Xns with a strong faith and a warn love are always refreshing to everybody.

1. Impotance of personal influence.

On tableland of Asia Minor, women may be seen in early morning out od doors looking at their neighbors chimneys to see from which ones smoke was coming. To those houses they go for live coals for their own hearths. Do men thus watch our lives? Has the spirit of God kindled a sacred fire in our souls from which others may take living coals tostart fires of their own?

2. A lady missionary touring India, while telling the story of Christ in one of the villages, was interrupted by a native, "Miss Sahib, we know him well. He lived here for years."

An old man belonging to another mission had once come to that village and had lived there. I wonder do our townsfolk see in us Xns the Christ?

3. Be like him.

The day Roosevelt was buried, two newsboys were talking about the ex-president.

"Well, he's dead and now I can never vote for him."

"Naw, but yer can be like him, cant yer?"